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VIA U.S. MAIL

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Re: Ellsworth Industrial Park Site/Special Notice Letter

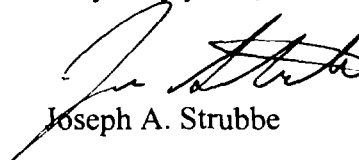
Dear Tom:

As you know, I represent Bison Gear in connection with USEPA proceedings concerning Ellsworth Industrial Park.

I write in response to the USEPA's October 11, 2002 Special Notice Letter, and the requirement therein to notify your agency of Bison Gear's willingness to participate in negotiations to perform or finance activities described in the letter. As you know, we have, on behalf of Bison Gear, already met with you several times, and have scheduled a further meeting on October 30, 2002. We remain willing to participate in negotiations to resolve this matter.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Joseph A. Strubbe

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